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SUBJECT: SCED DISPUTE

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1. IN TWO PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS DATED APRIL 16, 1976 THE GOCAR EFFECTIVELY EXCLUDED SCED FROM FURTHER OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. REFERRING TO SCED PRESIDENT JOLIS' LETTER OF JANUARY 26, 1976 (BANGUI 182) WHICH STATED THAT SCED WISHED TO RELINQUISH ITS CONCESSIONARY RIGHTS TO CERTAIN AREAS IF REINSTATEMENT OF SPECIAL TAX STATUS UNDER REGIME C WAS NOT GRANTED, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 76/220 ANNULLED THE CONCESSIONS AND RETURNED THEM TO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. ORDINANCE NO. 76/31 ABROGATES THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR ARTISANAL DIGGERS. THESE TWO ACTS LEAVE SCED WITHOUT A PROGRAM AND WITH NO AREAS IN WHICH TO OPERATE.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL DDI DIRECTOR ONLY QUESTION REMAINING TO BE RESOLVED IS THE TERMS OF THE LIQUIDATION OF SCED AS A COMPANY. THERE ARE NO FURTHER AMERICAN OR CANADIAN SCED

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EMPLOYEES IN CAR AT THIS TIME.

3. COMMENT: GOCAR HAS SKILLFULLY MANIPULATED THIS ISSUE SO THAT TERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES COMES SEEMINGLY AT REQUEST OF SCED. GOCAR APPARENTLY WISHES TO AVOID NATIONALIZATION WITH ALL ITS ATTENDANT COMPENSATION PROBLEMS.
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